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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on February 11, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): it does not appear that applicant has made a good faith effort to identify the claims that are readable on elected Species F (figure 16). Applicant alleges that claims 1-44 and 59-62 (the entirety of Group I) are readable on elected Species F, but claim 4 reads "the spray gun has a body and the socket is recessed in the body of the spray gun." Figure 16 shows a socket 421 (detailed in figure 17) that is not recessed in the body 403. It appears that non-elected species of figure 20 shows a socket 621 recessed in the body 603. Claim 14 recites an "integral undercut retainer" that is found only in the embodiment of figure 20. Claim 16 recites "the lug" that is found only in the embodiment of figure 20. Due to the enormity in the number of claims, i.e., 48 claims directed to Group I, applicant is requested to accurately identify the claims that are readable on elected Species F. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher S. Kim whose telephone number is (571)

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272-4905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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